GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:413
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002
BAR ON INDIAN STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States Educational Testing Service (USETS) has barred Indian students from taking the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) computer science test during this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of Indian students to be affected by the decision of USETS; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) - (d) OF THE ANSWER TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 413 T ANSWERED ON 18.12.2002 REGARDING `BAR ON INDIAN STDUENTS`

(a) and (b) The United States Educational Testing Service (USETS), an independent and private educational testing organisation in the United States, announced in August 2002 that on the basis of an investigation revealing improper sharing of questions from the GRE Computer Science subject test by students in China, including Hong Kong, and India, it had cancelled the test in these countries.

(c) According to the USETS, 388 students in India were registered for the GRE Computer Science subject test in 2002.

(d) Government is concerned about the legitimate educational aspirations of Indian students. Government has noted that USETS has indicated that it will resume computer science test in the affected countries in the second half of 2003 and that the schedule in 2002 and 2003 for the other tests administered by it remains unaffected.